

QUA

3. To divide into distinct regions.
Then sailors *quarter'd* heav'n, and found a name
For ev'ry fixt and ev'ry wand'ring star. *Dryden.*
4. To station or lodge soldiers.
When they hear the Roman horses neigh,
Behold their *quarter'd* fires,
They will waste their time upon our notes,
To know from whence we are. *Shakefp. Cymbeline.*
Where is lord Stanley *quarter'd*?
—His regiment lies half a mile south. *Shakefp. Rich. III.*
They o'er the barren shore pursue their way,
Where *quarter'd* in their camp, the fierce Thelians lay. *Dryden.*
You have *quartered* all the foul language upon me, that
could be raked out of Billingsgate. *Spectator, N° 595.*
5. To lodge; to fix on a temporary dwelling.
They mean this night in Sardis to be *quarter'd*. *Shakefp.*
6. To diet.
He fed on vermin;
And when these fail'd, he'd suck his claws;
And *quarter* himself upon his paws. *Hudibras, p. i.*
To bear as an appendage to the hereditary arms.
The first ordinary and natural, being compounded of arg-
ent and azure, is the coat of Beauchamp of Hack in the
county of Somerset, now *quartered* by the earl of Hertford. *Peacocks on Blazoning.*
- QUARTERAGE. *n. f.* [from *quarter*.] A quarterly allowance;
He us'd two equal ways of gaining;
By hindring justice or maintaining;
To many a whore gave privileges,
And whipp'd for want of *quarterage*. *Hudibras, p. iii.*
- QUARTERDAY. *n. f.* [from *quarter* and *day*.] One of the four
days in the year, on which rent or interest is paid.
The usurer would be very well satisfied to have all the time
annihilated, that lies between the present moment and next
quarterday. *Addison's Spectator, N° 93.*
- QUARTERDECK. *n. f.* [from *quarter* and *deck*.] The short upper
deck.
- QUARTERLY. *adj.* [from *quarter*.] Containing a fourth part.
The moon makes four *quarterly* seasons within her little
year or month of consecution. *Holder on Time.*
From the obliquity of the ecliptick to the equator arise
the diurnal differences of the sun's right ascension, which
finish their variations in each quadrant of the ecliptick, and
this being added to the former inequality from eccentricity,
makes these *quarterly* and seemingly irregular inequalities of
natural days. *Bentley.*
- QUARTERLY. *adv.* Once in a quarter of a year.
- QUARTERMASTER. *n. f.* [from *quarter* and *master*.] One who re-
gulates the quarters of soldiers.
The *quartermaster* general was marking the ground for the
encampment of the covering army. *Tatler, N° 62.*
- QUARTERN. *n. f.* A gill or the fourth part of a pint.
- QUARTERSTAFF. *n. f.* A staff of defence: so called, I be-
lieve, from the manner of using it; one hand being placed at
the middle, and the other equally between the middle and
the end.
His *quarterstaff*, which he could ne'er forsake,
Hung half before, and half behind his back. *Dryden.*
Immense riches he squandered away at *quarterstaff*
and cudgel play, in which he challenged all the country. *Arbut.*
- QUARTILE. *n. f.* An aspect of the planets, when they are
three signs or ninety degrees distant from each other, and is
marked thus ☊.
- Mars and Venus in a *quartile* move
My pangs of jealousy for Ariet's love. *Dryden.*
- QUARTO. *n. f.* [from *quartus*, Lat.] A book in which every sheet,
being twice doubled, makes four leaves.
Our fathers had a just value for regularity and systems;
then folio's and *quarto's* were the fashionable sizes, as volumes
in octavo are now. *Watts.*
- TO QUASH. *v. a.* [from *quassen*, Dutch; *squacciare*, Italian; *quass*,
Latin.]
1. To crush; to squeeze.
The whales
Against sharp rocks like reeling vessels *quash'd*,
Though huge as mountains, are in pieces dash'd. *Waller.*
2. To subdue suddenly.
'Twas not the spawn of such as these,
That dy'd with Punick blood the conquer'd seas,
And *quash'd* the stern Æacides. *Roscommon.*
Our she confederates keep pace with us in *quashing* the re-
bellion, which had begun to spread itself among part of the
fair sex. *Addison's Freeholder, N° 15.*
3. [Cassus, Lat. *casser*, Fr.] To annul; to nullify; to make
void: as, the indictment was *quashed*.
- TO QUASH. *v. n.* To be shaken with a noise.
A thin and fine membrane strait and closely adhering to
keep it from *quashing* and shaking. *Ray on the Creation.*
The water in this drop, by a sudden jirk, may be heard
to *quash*. *Sharp's Surgery.*
- QUASH. *n. f.* A pompion. *Answorth.*

QUE

- QUATERCOUSINS. As, they are not *quater*-cousins, as it is
commonly spoken *cater-cousins*, plus ne sont pas de *quatre* cousins,
they are not of the four first degrees of kindred, that is, they
are not friends. *Skinner.*
- QUATERNARY. *n. f.* [from *quaternarius*, Lat.] The number four.
The objections against the *quaternary* of elements and ter-
nary of principles, needed not to be oppos'd so much against
the doctrines themselves. *Boyle.*
- QUATERNION. *n. f.* [from *quaternio*, Lat.] The number four.
Air and the elements! the eldest birth
Of nature's womb, that in *quaternion* run
Perpetual circle, multiform; and mix
And nourish all things; let your ceaseless change
Vary to our great maker still new praise. *Milton.*
I have not in this scheme of these nine *quaternions* of conso-
nants, distinct known characters, whereby to express them,
but must repeat the same. *Holder's Elements of Speech.*
- QUATERNITY. *n. f.* [from *quaternus*, Lat.] The number four.
The number of four stands much admired, not only in the
quaternity of the elements, which are the principles of bodies,
but in the letters of the name of God. *Brown.*
- QUATRAIN. *n. f.* [from *quatrain*, Fr.] A stanza of four lines
rhyming alternately: as,
Say, Stella, what is love, whose fatal pow'r
Robs virtue of content, and youth of joy?
What nymph or goddess in a luckless hour
Disclos'd to light the mischief-making boy. *Mr. Mulso.*
I have writ my poem in *quatrains* or stanzas of four in al-
ternate rhyme, because I have ever judged them of greater
dignity for the found and number, than any other verse in
use. *Dryden.*
- TO QUAY. *v. n.* [from *quay*, Saxon.]
1. To shake the voice; to speak or sing with a tremulous
voice.
Miso sitting on the ground with her knees up, and her
hands upon her knees tuning her voice with many a *quavering*
cough, thus discours'd. *Sidney, b. ii.*
The division and *quavering*, which please so much in mu-
sic, have an agreement with the glittering of light playing
upon a wave. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
- Now sportive youth
Carol incoincident rhythms with suiting notes,
And *quaver* unharmonious. *Philips.*
We shall hear her *quavering* them half a minute after us,
to some sprightly airs of the opera. *Addison.*
2. To tremble; to vibrate.
A membrane, stretched like the head of a drum, is to re-
ceive the impulse of the sound, and to vibrate or *quaver* ac-
cording to its reciprocal motions. *Ray on the Creation.*
If the eye and the finger remain quiet, these colours vanish
in a second minute of time, but if the finger be moved with
a *quavering* motion, they appear again. *Newton's Opticks.*
- QUAY. *n. f.* [from *quai*, Fr.] A key; an artificial bank to the sea
or river, on which goods are conveniently unladen.
- QUEAN. *n. f.* [from *quean*, Saxon, a barren cow; *hōncpen*, in the
laws of Canute, a strumpet.] A worthless woman, gene-
rally a strumpet.
As fit as the nail to his hole, or as a scolding *quean* to a
wrangling knave. *Shakefp.*
This well they understand like cunning *queans*,
And hide their nastiness behind the scenes. *Dryden.*
Such is that sprinkling, which some careless *quean*
Flirts on you from her mop. *Swift.*
- QUEASINESS. *n. f.* [from *queasy*.] The sickness of a nauseated
stomach.
- QUEASY. *adj.* [of uncertain etymology.]
1. Sick with nausea.
He, *queasy* with his insolence already,
Will their good thoughts call from him. *Shakefp.*
Whether a rotten state and hope of gain,
Or to diffuse me from the *queasy* pain
Of being belov'd and loving,
Out-pull me first. *Donne.*
2. Fastidious; squeamish.
I, with your two helps, will so practise on Benedict, that,
in despite of his quick wit and his *queasy* stomach, he shall
fall in love with Beatrice. *Shakefp.*
The humility of Gregory the great would not admit the
stile of bishop, but the ambition of Boniface made no scruple
thereof, nor have *queasy* resolutions been harboured in their
successors ever since. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
Men's stomachs are generally so *queasy* in these cases, that
it is not safe to overload them. *Government of the Tongue.*
Without question,
Their conscience was too *queasy* of digestion. *Dryden.*
3. Causing nausea.
I have one thing of a *queasy* question,
Which I must act. *Shakefp. King Lear.*
- TO QUECK. *v. n.* To shrink; to show pain; perhaps to com-
plain.
The lads of Sparta were accustomed to be whipped at altars,
without so much as *quecking*. *Bacon.*
- QUEEN.

QUE

- QUEEN. *n. f.* [from *queen*, Saxon, a woman, a wife, the wife of a
king.]
1. The wife of a king.
He was lap't
In a most curious mantle, wrought by the hand
Of his *queen* mother. *Shakefp. Cymbeline.*
2. A woman who is sovereign of a kingdom.
That *queen* Elizabeth lived sixty-nine, and reigned forty-
five years, means no more than, that the duration of her
existence was equal to sixty-nine, and the duration of her
government to forty-five annual revolutions of the sun. *Locke.*
Have I a *queen*
Past by my fellow rulers of the world?
Have I refus'd their blood to mix with yours,
And rais'd new kings from so obscure a race? *Dryden.*
- TO QUEEN. *v. n.* To play the queen.
A threepence bow'd would hire me,
Old as I am, to *queen* it. *Shakefp. Henry VIII.*
Of your own state take care: this dream of mine,
Being now awake, I'll *queen* it no inch farther,
But milk my ewes and weep. *Shakefp. Winter's Tale.*
- QUEEN-APPLE. *n. f.* A species of apple.
The *queen-apple* is of the summer kind, and a good cyder
apple mixed with others. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
Her cheeks with kindly claret spread,
Aurora like new out of bed,
Or like the fresh *queen-apple's* side,
Blushing at sight of Phoebus' pride. *Sidney, b. ii.*
- QUEENING. *n. f.* An apple.
The winter *queening* is good for the table. *Mortimer.*
- QUEER. *adj.* [of this word the original is not known: a cor-
respondent supposes a *queer* man to be one who has a *quere*
to his name in a list.] Odd; strange; original; particular.
He never went to bed till two in the morning, because he
would not be a *queer* fellow; and was every now and then
knocked down by a constable, to signalize his vivacity. *Spect.*
- QUEERLY. *adv.* [from *queer*.] Particularly; oddly.
- QUEERNESS. *n. f.* [from *queer*.] Oddness; particularity.
- QUEEST. *n. f.* [from *queestus*, Lat. *Skinner*.] A ringdove; a
kind of wild pigeon.
- TO QUELL. *v. a.* [from *quell*, Saxon.] To crush; to subdue;
originally, to kill.
What avails
Valour or strength, though matchless, *quell'd* with pain,
Which all subdues, and makes remits the hands
Of mightiest? *Milton's Par. Lost, b. vi.*
- Compulsion *quell'd*
His best of man, and gave him up to tears
A space; till firmer thoughts restrain'd excess. *Milton.*
This *quell'd* her pride, but other doubts remain'd,
That once disclaiming, she might be disdain'd. *Dryden.*
He is the guardian of the public quiet, appointed to re-
strain violence, to *quell* seditions and tumults, and to preserve
that peace which preserves the world. *Asterbury.*
- TO QUELL. *v. n.* To die. *Speiser.*
- QUELL. *n. f.* [from the verb.] Murder. Not in use.
What can not we put upon
His spongy followers, who shall bear the guilt
Of our great *quell*. *Shakefp. Macbeth.*
- QUELLER. *n. f.* [from *quell*.] One that crushes or subdues.
Hail son of the most high,
Queller of Satan, on thy glorious work
Now enter. *Milton's Paradise Regain'd, b. iv.*
- QUELQUECHOSE. [French.] A trifle; a kickshaw.
From country grails to confections of court,
Or city's *quelquechose*, let not report
My mind transport. *Donne.*
- TO QUEME. *v. n.* [from *queman*, Saxon.] To please. An old
word. *Skinner.*
- TO QUENCH. *v. a.*
1. To extinguish fire.
Since stream, air, sand, mine eyes and ears conspire,
What hope to *quench*, where each thing blows the fire. *Sidney.*
No English soul
More stronger to direct you than yourself;
If with the lap of reason you would *quench*,
Or but allay, the fire of passion. *Shakefp. Henry VIII.*
This is the way to kindle, not to *quench*.
A little fire is quickly trodden out,
Which, being suffer'd, rivers cannot *quench*. *Shakefp.*
The fire had power in the water, forgetting his own virtue;
and the water forgot his own *quenching* nature. *Wisd. xix. 20.*
Milk *quencheth* wild-fire better than water, because it
entrench better. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*
Subdu'd in fire the stubborn metal lies;
One draws and blows reciprocating air,
Others to *quench* the hissing mals prepare. *Dryden.*
You have already *quench'd* sedition's brand,
And zeal, which burnt it, only warms the land. *Dryden.*
When your work is forged, do not *quench* it in water to
cool it, but throw it down upon the floor or hearth to cool of
itself; for the *quenching* of it in water will harden it. *Moxon.*

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2. To still any passion or commotion.
But if all aim but this be levell'd false,
The supposition of the lady's death
Will *quench* the wonder of her infamy. *Shakefp.*
3. To allay thirst.
Every draught to him, that has *quenched* his thirst, is but a
further quenching of nature, a provision for rheum and dif-
eases, a drowning of the spirits. *South.*
4. To destroy.
When death's form appears, the fear's not
An utter *quenching* or extinguishment;
She would be glad to meet with such a lot,
That so she might all future ill prevent. *Davies.*
Covered with skin and hair keeps it warm, being naturally
very cold, and also to *quench* and dissipate the force of any
stroke, and retund the edge of any weapon. *Ray.*
- TO QUENCH. *v. n.* To cool; to grow cool.
Dost thou think, in time
She will not *quench*, and let instructions enter
Where folly now possesses? *Shakefp. Cymbeline.*
- QUENCHABLE. *adj.* [from *quench*.] That may be quenched.
- QUENCHER. *n. f.* [from *quench*.] Extinguisher; one that
quenches.
- QUENCHLESS. *adj.* [from *quench*.] Unextinguishable.
Come, bloody Clifford, rough Northumberland,
I dare your *quenchless* fury to more rage. *Shakefp.*
The judge of torments, and the king of tears,
He fills a burnish'd throne of *quenchless* fire. *Crashaw.*
- QUERELLE. *n. f.* [from *querela*, Lat. *querelle*, Fr.] A complaint to
a court.
A circumduction obtains not in causes of appeal, but in
causes of first instance and simple *querels* only. *Ayliffe.*
- QUERENT. *n. f.* [from *querens*, Latin.] The complainant; the
plaintiff.
- QUERIMONIOUS. *adj.* [from *querimonia*, Latin.] Querulous;
complaining.
- QUERIMONIOUSLY. *adv.* [from *querimonious*.] Querulously;
with complaint.
To thee, dear Thom, myself addressing,
Most *querimoniously* confessing. *Denham.*
- QUERIMONIOUSNESS. *n. f.* [from *querimonious*.] Complain-
ing temper.
- QUERIST. *n. f.* [from *quero*, Lat.] An enquirer; an asker
of questions.
I shall propose some considerations to my gentle *querist*. *Speiser.*
The juggling sea god, when by chance trepan'd
By some instructed *querist* sleeping on the strand,
Impatient of all answers, strait became
A stealing brook. *Swift's Miscellanies.*
- QUERN. *n. f.* [from *quern*, Saxon.] A handmill.
Skim milk, and sometimes labour in the *quern*,
And bootless make the breathless huswife churn. *Shakefp.*
Some apple-colour'd corn
Ground in fair *querns*, and some did spindles turn. *Chapm.*
- QUERPO. *n. f.* [corrupted from *cuervo*, Spanish.] A dress
close to the body; a waistcoat.
I would fain see him walk in *querpo*, like a cased rabbit,
without his holy furr upon his back. *Dryden.*
- QUERRY, for *querry*. *n. f.* [from *querry*, Fr.] A groom belonging
to a prince, or one conversant in the king's stables, and having
the charge of his horses; also the stable of a prince. *Bailey.*
- QUERULOUS. *adj.* [from *querulus*, Latin.] Mourning; habitually
complaining.
Although they were a people by nature hard-hearted, *que-
rulous*, wrathful and impatient of rest and quietness, yet was
there nothing of force to work the subversion of their state,
till the time before-mentioned was expired. *Hooker.*
The pressures of war have cowed their spirits, as may be
gathered from the very accent of their words, which they
prolate in a whining kind of *querulous* tone, as if still com-
plaining and crest-fallen. *Howell's Vocal Forest.*
Though you give no countenance to the complaints of the
querulous, yet curb the insolence of the injurious. *Locke.*
- QUERULOUSNESS. *n. f.* [from *querulous*.] Habit or quality of
complaining mournfully.
- QUERRY. *n. f.* [from *quere*, Lat.] A question; an enquiry to
be resolved.
I shall conclude, with proposing only some *queries*, in order
to a farther search to be made by others. *Newton.*
This shews the folly of this *query*, that might always be
demanded, that would impiously and absurdly attempt to tie
the arm of omnipotence from doing any thing at all, because
it can never do its utmost.
- TO QUERRY. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To ask questions.
Three Cambridge sophs
Each prompt to *query*, answer and debate. *Pope.*
- QUEST. *n. f.* [from *queste*, Fr.]
1. Search; act of seeking.
None but such as this bold ape unblest,
Can ever thrive in that unlucky *quest*. *Hubbard's Tale.*
If lusty love should go in *quest* of beauty,
Where should he find it fairer than in Blanch. *Shakefp.*
- Fair